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### NOTIFICATION OF TRANSMITTAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT OR THE DECLARATION

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Applicant's or agent's file reference <b>09604/019W01</b>	Date of Mailing (day/month/year) <b>26 MAY 1999</b>
International application No. <b>PCT/US99/00730</b>	FOR FURTHER ACTION See paragraphs 1 and 4 below
Applicant <b>GENETIC MICROSYSTEMS, INC.</b>	International filing date (day/month/year) <b>13 JANUARY 1999</b>

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1. ☒ The applicant is hereby notified that the international search report has been established and is transmitted herewith.

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The applicant is entitled, if he so wishes, to amend the claims of the international application (see Rule 46):

When? The time limit for filing such amendments is normally 2 months from the date of transmittal of the international search report; however, for more details, see the notes on the accompanying sheet.

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2. ☐ The applicant is hereby notified that no international search report will be established and that the declaration under Article 17(2)(a) to that effect is transmitted herewith.

3. ☐ With regard to the protest against payment of (an) additional fee(s) under Rule 40.2, the applicant is notified that:

☐ the protest together with the decision thereon has been transmitted to the International Bureau together with the applicant's request to forward the texts of both the protest and the decision thereon to the designated Offices.

☐ no decision has been made yet on the protest; the applicant will be notified as soon as a decision is made.

4. Further action(s): The applicant is reminded of the following:

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### INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference <b>09604/019W01</b>	<b>FOR FURTHER ACTION</b> see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
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This international search report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This international search report consists of a total of 5 sheets.

☒ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. ☐ Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box I).
  
2. ☐ Unity of invention is lacking (See Box II).
  
3. ☐ The international application contains disclosure of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing and the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing
 

☐ filed with the international application.  
☐ furnished by the applicant separately from the international application,  

☐ but not accompanied by a statement to the effect that it did not include matter going beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed.

☐ transcribed by this Authority.
  
4. With regard to the title, ☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.  
☐ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:
  
5. With regard to the abstract,
 

☐ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.  
☒ the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.
  
6. The figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is:  
 Figure No. 1

☒ as suggested by the applicant.
 

☐ None of the figures.

☐ because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.  
☐ because this figure better characterizes the invention.

**Box III TEXT OF THE ABSTRACT (Continuation of item 5 of the first sheet)**

The technical features mentioned in the abstract do not include a reference sign between parentheses (PCT Rule 8.1(d)).

The abstract is too long (PCT Rule 8.1(b)). The abstract must be less than 150 words, or 200 words when no Figure is to be published.

**NEW ABSTRACT**

A deosit device (12) cooperating with a fluid source defines a precisely sized drop of fluid (DF) of small diameter on a drop carrying surface (20). Transport mechanism (17) positions the device (12) precisely over the receiving surface (20) and drive mechanism (17) moves the deposit device (12) toward and away from the surface (20). The deposit device (12) is compliant in the direction of deposition motion. When depositing, the deposit device (12) is laterally constrained to a reference position by flexure mounting. A mobile-fluid storage device resupplies the deposit device along the array. Mobile annular storage rings (14) are lowered and raised to obtain a supply of fluid, or a mobile multiwell plate is used. Cleaning mechanism, sampling plans, and array products on microscope slides and fragile or soft membranes are disclosed as are many types of fluids and uses, e.g. in biotechnology, analysis and process control.

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## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC(6) : G01N 1/14, 35/10; G02B 21/34

US CL : Please See Extra Sheet.

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

U.S. : 422/63, 65, 68.1, 100, 103, 104; 436/43, 46, 49, 174, 180, 807, 809, 810

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X -- Y	US 5,262,128 A (LEIGHTON et al.) 16 November 1993, figures 1, 9 and 10.	1, 13, ----- 10, 26
X -- Y	US 5,338,688 A (DEEG et al.) 16 August 1994, figure 1.	1, 13 ----- 2, 26
X,P -- Y,P	US 5,756,050 A (ERSHOW et al.) 26 May 1998, figures 4 and 5.	1, 3, 13 ----- 2, 10, 12, 18-26



Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.



See patent family annex.

* Special categories of cited documents:	*T* later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention
*A* document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance	
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*P* document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed	*A* document member of the same patent family

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X,E ----- Y,E	US 5,882,930 A (BAIER) 16 March 1999, figures 1-5.	1, 3, 13, ----- 2, 10, 18-26
Y,E	US 5,895,630 A (SKABORN et al.) 20 April 1999, the figure.	4 and 14

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